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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD NO. 71

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 1965

SENATE

VADM RABORN - Sen. Tower (R-Texas), who reported from the Senate Armed Services Committee the nomination of VADM Raborn, USN(RET), to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said that he believed that VADM Raborn was "uniquely qualified by heritage, background, and training to be a strong and capable administrator" of the CIA. As a tribute to his great managerial ability, Sen. Tower cited the existence of the progress evaluation reporting technique, which VADM Raborn had developed, and the existence of the Polaris missile, he said, was also evidence of VADM Raborn's outstanding ability. Sen. Tower inserted in the Record a brief biographical sketch of VADM Raborn's "dedicated and accomplished career of service" to this Nation. (P. 7949)

APPENDIX

VADM RABORN - Sen. Talmadge (D-Ga.) called attention to VADM Raborn's, USN(RET), having been selected in 1963 by Dixie Business magazine as the outstanding American for the South's "Hall of Fame for the Living." He inserted in the Record the announcement of the award as it appeared in the Dixie Business magazine. (P. A1923-24)

(Reporter - Mrs. White)

OTHER BUSINESS - SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS - P. 7949

From COMGEN - Report on inconsistent practices in the administration of the Government schools program in London, England, DOD, APR 1965; to Cmte. on Government Operations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS - P. 7950 & 7951

Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Alaska relating to the jurisdiction over Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4; to Armed Services Cmte.

Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Alaska relating to the exploration and development of the Continental Shelf; to Commerce Cmte.

NOMINATION CONFIRMED - P. 8043

VADM William F. Raborn, Jr., USN(RET) - To be Director of Central Intelligence Agency.

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NOTES ON COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Thursday, 22 April 1965

SENATE COMMITTEES

NOMINATIONS -- The SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE (Acting Chairman Stennis (D-Miss.)) ordered favorably reported the nominations of:

VADM William F. Raborn, Jr., USN (RET) and Mr. Richard Helms - To be Director and Deputy Director, respectively, of CIA.

VADM Raborn testified on his nomination, stressing his strong belief that it is a responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence to keep the Legislative Branch informed. During the questioning of VADM Raborn, Sen. Stennis said that the fact that there was no opposition to his appointment as Director of Central Intelligence was a tribute to the Admiral. Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.) mentioned that he had known VADM Raborn since the time that he was Special Projects Officer for the Navy and noted that he was a man of integrity with an understanding of national security problems.

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FREEDOM ACADEMY - Sen. Mundt (R-S. Dak.), urging support of the bill (S. 1232) to establish a Freedom Academy, stated that perhaps the part of the proposed legislation most critically needed in conduct of American foreign relations is the proposal that the U. S. provide political training to foreign nationals who are not unfriendly to American interests. Asserting that the inhibited attitude of the United States toward the education and training of foreign nationals has severely handicapped the cause of freedom, Sen. Mundt said that the United States had not kept pace with the new academic discipline of nonmilitary warfare that has matured in the last generation. He concentrated his remarks on the continent of Africa to support his contentions for the need of a Freedom Academy and inserted in the Record several related articles. (P. 7599-7603)

CLOSING OF VA FACILITIES - Sen. Montoya (D-N. Mex.) called President Johnson's decision to review the Veterans Administration order closing a number of VA hospitals "very encouraging" to all who consider the closings to be a serious disservice to the Veterans of this Country. He inserted in the Record comments from the Silver City (New Mexico) Daily Press following a 3 April visit by Mr. William J. Driver, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, to the Fort Bayard Veterans' Hospital. (P. 7603-04)

(Reporters - LT Potter and LTJG Bivins)

HOUSE

ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ACT - By a vote of 315 to 65 the House adopted the Conference Report on the bill (H. R. 2998) to amend the Arms Control and Disarmament Act, as amended, in order to increase the authorization for appropriations. (P. 7660-62)

VADM RABORN - Rep. Albert (D-Okla.) stated that, in his judgment, President Johnson could not have made two finer choices for Director and Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency than VADM William Francis Raborn, USN(RET), and Mr. Richard M. Helms, respectively. Rep. Albert noted that he had known VADM Raborn for many years and that the Admiral had been appointed to the Naval Academy by former Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma. He said that VADM Raborn is well known to many Oklahomans, and that they all share his "great admiration for this fine gentleman, this man of dedication and of extraordinary abilities." All Americans, he added, are indebted to Admiral Raborn for the job he did as head of the Navy's Special Projects Office some years ago. "There is no question," he continued, "but that the timely development of the Polaris missile was due in large measure to Admiral Raborn's great managerial skills and unique abilities to lead by motivating people of all types to work together as a team." In conclusion, Rep. Albert said that he was certain VADM Raborn would bring these same talents to the CIA and that all Americans may be confident that this Agency is working effectively, as a single unit, under the direction of a man utterly dedicated to his Country. (P. 7702)